



marches school

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MARCHES WEEKLY BULLETIN

Dear Parents and Carers,

Year 11 – Countdown to success

Year 11 are now mid-way through their second mock exams and their conduct has been excellent. There are now only 14 weeks to the first exam and the students are coping well. It is good to see some of them applying the techniques for revision that they learned in their resilience day.

We will move this further in some lessons now to share six different revision strategies that work and apply these to real content with the students.

A group of students will also be spending the day at our sister school – Sir John Talbot's to benefit from the expertise of an examiner for the English Language paper – with a morning of activities.

Year 9 – Options Talk

You will know that this is taking place as part of the parents' evening on Thursday 8th February – there are three opportunities to listen to the talk and you can book your preferred one [here](#).

Year 9 – Character Day

A small group of Year 9 boys have spent the last few months planning a day of lessons to deliver to students from Holy Trinity School. Today they delivered sessions in PE, Geography and Science – as well as supporting the students through social times. There have been some nerves but an excellent example of what the students can do when they are challenged, with the boys learning a lot about themselves and what they can achieve.



Beauty and the Beast

Rehearsals are going really well – do not miss out on the opportunity to see the school's performance of Beauty and the Beast – tickets are still available from The Main Reception.

Mrs A Pearson, Associate Headteacher

GCSE History Revision Videos

Click on the links below to be taken to the YouTube videos.



A GCSE revision video to help with History on Henry VIII and his Ministers. This first video looks at Henry VIII's relationship with Thomas Wolsey and his time in power.



This second video looks at Henry VIII's relationship with Thomas Cromwell and his time in power.



This third video looks at Henry VIII's relationship with Thomas Cromwell in more detail. It also looks at some of Henry's wives and how the annulment to Catherine of Aragon was achieved.

Theatre Trip

On Wednesday night Miss Wright led a visit with 40 students to the new Storyhouse Theatre in Chester to see a professional touring production of The Play That Goes Wrong. Many of our GCSE and A-Level Drama students attended and also some Year 9 students who are thinking about taking GCSE Drama next year. Miss Wright commented, "The play had us all belly laughing from start to finish and I am sure that it will be an extremely popular choice for our students to write about in their live theatre review questions in their exams this summer. As always our students represented The Marches School making the staff very proud."



Sixth Form Taster Day

Year 11 students still have the opportunity to come to the Sixth Form Taster Day on Saturday 3rd February. We intend to start the day with a welcome from the Head of Sixth Form about the curriculum on offer, academic and pastoral care approaches and post-16 reform for parents whilst students take part in taster lessons.

SIXTH FORM

YOUR FUTURE STARTS HERE...

Taster Day // Saturday 3 February // 9.30am - 12pm

Register online now!

The Sixth Form application deadline is on Monday 19 February.



Silver Duke of Edinburgh's Award Expedition

9th - 10th February – Training Event (Llanarmon)

21st - 23rd April – 1st Practice Expedition

27th - 29th April – 2nd Practice Expedition

23rd - 25th June – 1st Qualifying Expedition

4th - 6th July – 2nd Qualifying Expedition

Reminder

If your child is absent for any reason, please let us know by 8:30 a.m. Call the School on 01691 664400 and choose option 1. Please leave your child's name, form, house and reason for absence.

Whitchurch 10K

Following the huge success of Whitchurch's first event of its kind last year, the 10K fundraising event has been launched for 2018. On Sunday 8th April, Sir John Talbot's School and headline sponsors Grocontinental will be joining forces once again to bring the road race to life. To register, please follow [this link](#) and register before Wednesday 28th March.



U14 President's Trophy

The Year 9 football team won 3 - 2 against Oldbury Wells School on Wednesday evening. The team is now in the semi-final. The team consisted of: Matt Lloyd, Ryan Wilcox, James Gregory, Sam Rogers, Sam Wall, Charlie Morris, Toby Gallagher-Keenan, Max Thomas, Oli Evans, Drew Brennan, Billy Clarke, Aaron Spelman, Jack Hughes, Kian Thomas, Ben Mullock and Tom Williams.



Term Dates

Spring Term 2018

Monday 8th January to Thursday 29th March 2018

Half term Monday 19th to Friday 23rd February 2018

PD day Monday 26th February

Summer Term 2018

Monday 16th April to Friday 20th July 2018

Half term Monday 28th May to Friday 1st June 2018

PD days Monday 23rd and Tuesday 24th July

Term Dates 2018 - 2019

For further term dates for the academic year 2018 – 2019 please click [here](#).



Bonington – 782

Mallory – 630

Whittaker – 542

Hargreaves – 659

Stephens - 604